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AN AMAZING REVELATION

(From The Danville Bee)

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has told a Senate committee that this country today harbors 43,217 hard-core, saboage - trained Communists who are ready to strike at American industrial plants and cripple production in the event a full scale war develops. If that is so, one cannot refrain from asking why they are not interned or isolated. Mr. Hoover tells the Senate that there is obvious danger but nothing seems to be done in the way of locking the stable door before the mare has fled.

The situation is one of those strange paradoxes which crop up in a land which will lean backward to guarantee individual liberties when in so doing it may be inviting the most elemental form of reprisal.

JUST PLAIN FOOLISHNESS

(From Washington Evening Star)

Speaker Rayburn, coming back to a theme which he first broached last week, says that the Russians are massing "here, there and everywhere," and that the people of the United States are in "terrible danger." Other public figures, men like Chairman McMahon of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, and General Marshall tend to support this statement.

Other sources tend to knock it down. The "Pentagon," for instance, denies any knowledge of Soviet troops massing or even being in Manchuria in any considerable numbers.

Where does this leave the American people? Speaker Rayburn says it is "just plain foolishness" for the people not to understand the gravity of the situation. Maybe so. But what understanding can the people get from cryptic warnings from one source that are watered down by another source? If we are in "terrible danger" from some new development, Mr. Rayburn, or some in authority, ought to tell us precisely what the nature of the danger is. If they will not or cannot do that, they should keep quiet. This business of trying to arouse the people with warnings that are not supported by facts is just plain foolishness.

Play safe—drive carefully.

HOW MANY OYSTERS ARE THERE IN A "BATCH"

(From St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

How many oysters does it take to make a batch, the Rhode Island legislature wants to know. It confesses itself stumped by a proposed bill which would penalize fishermen caught with undersized oysters comprising more than 5 per cent of a batch. We are surprised at the Rhode Island legislature.

The best way to describe a batch of oysters is to work up to it gradually by beginning with a smidgen. A smidgen of oysters is any number of oysters fewer than a half dozen. No oyster lover would want to fool around with fewer than six oysters, which therefore constitute a smidgen.

A few oysters would be the next step above a smidgen, and the nearest we can come to defining it is to say that it runs around a dozen or two. People who really like oysters can always eat a few, even if they have already had some.

Some oysters are whatever the individual's taste prescribes. As to how many oysters it takes to constitute some, our views on that are similar to Heywood Broun's classic view on counting drinks. "It is not fitting," he wrote, "for one with vine leaves in his hair to reach up and count them."

Finally, if you have more than some oysters, you have a batch.

HOME COOKING DOESN'T MEAN MUCH ANY MORE

(The London, Ont. Free Press)

At the annual convention of the Canadian Restaurant association, delegates will seek ways to tickle the palate of patrons, entice them in in the first place, and secure their patronage subsequently.

We trust that the over-worn slogan "home cooking" will be dropped. It has become a highway cliche from the Atric to the Rio Grande. It has no meaning now.

The secret of pleasing customers —we speak as a layman—is to hire a high quality artist a chef in the first place, buy the best food, and let the customer go away saying, "That's the place to eat."

After all, there are not so many like that, and one good table stands out like a sore thumb against the multitude of hash houses that plague our tourist highways.

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Land of Promise

Lesson for April 29, 1951

A NATION must have a home. Gypsies are not properly called a nation because their only home is where their wagons make a camp. Professors of political science tell us that among other necessities, a nation has to have a definite and defensible territory.

Dr. Foreman

But the ancient Israelites did not need a professor to tell them that much. They knew it very well. When they came out of Egypt they could call their clothes and their tents and their stock their own; but nothing else. Even when Moses had given them laws and religion and an army and an organization, they were still not a nation, for they had no land of their own under their feet.

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No Welcoming Committee

SO IT was that what those people looked forward to, for forty years, was the "Land of Promise," where Abraham had pitched his tent, where these Israelites' forefathers had worshipped God.

But their ancestors had owned very little of the land. Abraham owned just enough for a burial plot; Jacob owned a tract which, so far as we know, he never occupied. Yet it was a good land, so good that others, long before Abraham, had settled there.

It has no unsettled wilderness; it was dotted with high-walled, thickly populated, strongly defended towns. There were no "welcome" signs on the highways. All the cities of Palestine were united by one common hate for the invading Israelites.

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Two Centuries of War

SOME of our hymns give a wrong impression of Canaan, the Land of Promise. In some of our hymns this life is compared to the wilderness in which the Israelites lived for forty years, the river Jordan is a symbol of death, and Canaan means heaven ("Canaan's happy shore").

Well, Canaan was not a happy shore. It was a bloody battlefield for centuries. For the Israelites did not occupy the land all at once. Their fight was not won right away, it was not won in a generation. We do not know for certain the date of Joshua, but a date favored by many scholars is in the 13th century before Christ. The "Land of Promise" was not fully and securely in the Israelites' hands until the tenth century.

The whole story, or such parts of it as we find in the books of Joshua and Judges, shows that it was a long struggle, a weary succession of more or less continual wars, climaxed in the final conquests of the fighting king David.

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Some Victories Are Deserved

DURING those wars, many cruelties were practiced by both sides. If there had been a United Nations at that time, they would certainly have condemned the Israelites for aggression and for war crimes besides.

We may as well admit that the Israelites did not act in line with the Sermon on the Mount. How could they? They had never heard of it. The fact remains that if you, an impartial, invisible observer, had looked down from the sky at all the long struggle the Israelites had to put up to win a homeland, and if you had been asked: Which will win, the Israelites or the Canaanites? there were times when you would hardly have dared to make a prediction.

But if you had been asked: Which side deserves to win? You would surely have said, The Israelites.

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God Saw the Future

ANY one who could have foreseen the future both of Israel and the tribes with whom they fought for centuries, would certainly have hoped for Israel's victory.

Comparing all that Israel would mean to mankind, directly and indirectly, with all that would come from their enemies, you would have voted for the Israelites without hesitation. If for no other reason, the Israelites deserved to win because of their religion.

If you can imagine what might have been the sinister results if Israel had been destroyed, and with them all knowledge of the one, and holy God, you can see how God could not afford to let His people lose.

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Bevan splits with Attlee and resigns from British cabinet.

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PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH

(From: Winchester Star)

Indicative of the economic development of the South is the progress of the textile industry. In 1900, New England had 13,171,000 active spindles, while the South had only 4,368,000.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, April 23.- There was a good attendance at the Hixburg Presbyterian Sunday School last Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall returned to her home Tuesday after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Carson and family, in Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenkins, of the same place, were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carson.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead has returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. R. Marshall after spending the winter months in Tampa, Florida, with her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Newland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriel Carson and children, of Portsmouth, spent the week-end in the home of his father, H. Carson.

Percy Sears has been a recent visitor to Richmond.

Newspaperman, Blair Moody, is slated to succeed Vandenberg as Michigan Senator.

Thousands of people visiting his home homes during annual Garden Walk in Virginia.

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Observance at Williamsburg

Williamsburg, Va., April 25.- Against a flag-trimmed background, visitors from all parts of the world will join in celebrating the 175th anniversary of American independence beginning in mid-May in this old city.

The ancient streets lined with the houses, shops and taverns here in George Washington's time will echo to colonial pageantry as state and national dignitaries draw a lesson for today in the struggles of America's founders. Present-day patriots will find our first national flag, the Grand Union or Cambridge ensign, unfurled throughout this historic place during the period. A d a special collection of valuable portraits and sculpture of early American leaders together with many original documents on exhibit will provide a stirring look at American s formative days.

Underlining key steps leading to the Declaration of Independence, the "Prelude to Independence" events will be observed here from May 13 through June 12, recalling in dramatic sequence the first permanent English settlement, the first call for severance with Britain and independence, and the adoption of the Declaration of Rights, later to form the basis for the first ten amendments of the U. S. Constitution.

The month-long series of events attracting nation-wide attention will center on historic spots and scenes in the local point of early American history. Restored to its appearance of pre-Revolutionary days, the old city is one of the top-level travel attractions of the nation with over a half million visitors annually. Important 18th century buildings of the old city will provide the original setting for the historic events.

"The Prelude to Independence" will open on May 13 with James-town Day, commemorating the founding of the first permanent English settlement in America at nearby Jamestown. The following day, May 14, the special art and documents exhibit will be opened in the Wren building of the College of William and Mary, oldest college building still standing in America, and will remain on public view until July 5 under military guard.

May 15, the anniversary of the dramatic Virginia resolution calling for a final separation from Great Britain and independence will be marked with colorful ceremonies at the 18th century statehouse here. Principal speaker at the morning ceremony there will be Dr. Samuel Eliot Morison of Harvard, Pulitzer prize winner and U. S. naval historian, and the 18th century British flag will be hauled from the cupola of the Capitol and replaced with the Grand Union colors exactly as it was done exactly 175 years ago.

The "Prelude to Independence" will be climaxed on June 12 with Human Rights Day, the anniversary of George Mason's Declaration of Rights which was incorporated in the Virginia constitution, the first constitution of a free and independent state, and later became the basis for the Bill of Rights of the U. S. Constitution.

Organizer says that U. S. Reds never disobey Moscow.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, April 23.- We will all be to glad to welcome some spring weather. We hope the frost last week did not kill all the fruit.

We are delighted to say all the sick around here are much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler, of Richmond spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson and family, of Roanoke spent the week-end with his brother, Lester Carson and Mrs. Carson.

Mrs. Homer Grant, of Chester, Pa., spent part of last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mrs. C. M. Caldwell and Mrs. M. M. Stratton are the delegates to the District Conference from Bethel Church. The conference will be held May 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence visited her parents and his mother on Sunday.

Rev. L. F. Callahan preached a few sermons at Bethel Methodist Church Sunday at 10 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and baby, of Lynchburg were the dinner guests Saturday of her brother, Howlette Drinkard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Cyrus, of Clase City spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus. They also visited little Bobby Grishaw in the hospital. He has been there over 7 months. He is reported as getting better now.

Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Hughes and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pippen, in Richmond last week.

P. B. Stratton is spending this week in Tennessee on business.

Mrs. C. M. Caldwell was hostess to the Stonewall Home Demonstration Club on last Thursday. Quite a big attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown have announced the birth of a daughter, born at a Lynchburg hospital last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ray Burnette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

Gladstone

Gladstone, April 23.- Forest Banton was in the C & O Hospital at Clifton Forge last week for treatment.

D. E. Walton and Calvin Harris of Appomattox visited here Friday with relatives.

Mrs. B. M. Wallace and Miss Shirley Ragland have returned from Roanoke where they visited several days with Mrs. Wallace's sisters, Mrs. J. E. Childers and family and Mrs. L. Childers, and with other relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Banton and little son were visitors in Appomattox Friday.

Mrs. R. A. Cunningham is able to be out again after an attack of influenza.

Miss Pauline Oxford, of Appomattox is visiting Mrs. F. L. Taylor and family.

Senator Paul Douglas, of Illinois, removes self from the 1952 presidential race as candidate.

County delegates in favor of the state controlling Virginia secondary roads.

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